

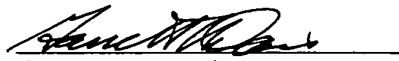
REMARKS

In the Action, the claims are rejected as being indefinite and for obviousness-type double patenting. Specifically, claims 12, 15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being inconsistent with independent claims 9, 13 and 17, respectively. In response, claims 12, 15 and 19 are amended to be in independent form and to incorporate the subject matter of the independent claim from which they originally depended. As amended, claims 12, 15 and 19 are submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Since claims 12, 15 and 19 are rejected only under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, this amendment places the claims in condition for allowance.

The claims are also rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,627,170, U.S. Patent No. 6,190,633 and copending application Serial No. 10/181,397. Appended hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

In view of these amendments and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, the claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

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